(d) Total No. of employees Zonewise is as under:—

Central Rly.	224676
Eastern Rly.	205398
Northern Rly.	252225
North Eastern Rly.	101370
Northeast Frontier Rly.	80332
Southern Rly.	134301
South Central Rly.	127573
South Eastern Rly.	190533
Western Rly.	190799

Derailment of Goods Train Between Nellore and Vedayapalem

2988. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a derailment of a goods train between Nellore and Vedayapalem on the South Central Railway recently;

(b) if so, the reasons for this derailment;

(c) the speed of the goods train at the time of accident;

(d) whether any derailments occurred on this section during the last three years;

(e) if so, the details of such derailments and the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether any safety measures have since been initiated by the South Central Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The derailment took place due to seizure of roller bearing of wagon.

(c) The speed of train at the time of accident was 40 kilometres per hour.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Following safety measures have been initiated by South Central Railway to reduce derailments:—

(i) Carriage and wagon examination of rolling stock has been strengthened and rationalised.

(ii) To prevent cases of cold breakage of axles, ROH Depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for detection of flaws in the axles.

(iii) Performance of the staff connected with train operation is being constantly monitored and those found deficient are sent for crash training.

(iv) Maintenance facilities for coaches and wagons have been modernised and upgraded at many depots.

(v) Safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff.

(vi) Punitive action is taken against staff found negligent in duty, leading to accidents.

Computerised rail reservation facility at important railway stations and towns

2989. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS: be pleased to state:

(a) whether Computerised Railway reservation facility has been provided at all important railway stations of the country;

(b) if so, the names of such stations, State and Union territory-wise;

(c) whether computerised reservation facility has also been provided in all important towns of the country;

(d) if so, the names of such towns, State and Union territory-wise;

(e) whether Government propose to provide this facility in all important towns and at all important railway stations of Andhra Pradesh in 1997-98; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a), (c), (e) and (f) As per the extant policy computerised reservation facilities have been provided at all stations/towns which have a workload of 300 and above reservation related transactions per day. Lesser volume of reservation work at other stations does not at present justify the provision of these facilities. Over 92% of the reservation workload of the Indian Railways has been computerised. Provision of computerised reservation facilities is an ongoing process and additional locations are covered subject to justification with reference to the criterion, feasibility and availability of resources. Work is currently in hand at Vizianagaram and it is proposed to provide these facilities at Hospet, Renigunta, Chirala, Samalkot, Naval Base — Visakhapatnam and Visakhapatnam City Booking Office in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (d) The State and Union Territory-wise names of the existing computerised reservation offices respective Zonal Railways are given in the annexure. [*See Appendix* 180 Annexure 61]

Restoration of Kotipalli-Kakinada Rail Line

2990. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests for restoration of railway line between Kotipalli and Kakinada in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh have been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any instructions have since been issued in the matter on the basis of such requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Requests have been received recently from S/Shri T. Gopalakrishna and K.S.R. Murthy, MPs.

(c) and (d) Work was included in the Budget, 1995-96, with the proviso that work would be taken up, after obtaining the approval of the Planning Commission.

However, the State Government has to first provide free land in lieu of the land, which has been built upon, after abandonment of the oil line. The work would be taken up once the State Government makes available the land and necessary clearances have been obtained.

रांची नामकुम के समीप रेल-उपरिपुल का निर्माण

2991. **श्री ज्ञान रंजन:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दक्षिण-पूर्व रेलवे के भाद्रा मण्डल के अन्तर्गत रांची नामकुम के समीप रेल समापार है जहां से राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग सं॰ 33 गुजरता है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उस समपार पर रेल पुल के न होने के कारण हजारों वाहनों को रेल समपार के खुलने तक प्रतीक्षा करनी पड़ती है और यातायात पूर्णतया ठप्प हो जाता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उक्त स्थान पर उपरिपुल बनाने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी हां;

(ख) जी हां;

(ग) जी नही, बिहार राज्य सरकार से इस समपार पर ऊपरी सड़क पुल के निर्माण के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।